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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 24, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.